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SUBJECT: THERMAL POWER PLANT FOR ALEXANDRIA

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: NEWSPAPER PROGRES EGYPTIEN HAS BELATEDLY ANNOUNCED SIGNING DECEMBER 14, 1975, OF CONTRACT TO DOUBLE OUTPUT OF STILL UNCOMPLETED THERMAL POWER STATION AT ABU KIR. FRENCH COMPAGNIE ELECTRO-MECANIQUE (CEM) WON 400 MILLION FRANC (ROUGHLY \$100 MILLION) CONTRACT TO COMPLETE STAGES THREE AND FOUR OF THIS POWER CENTRAL ON SEASHORE FIVE MILES EAST OF ALEXANDRIA. DOUBLING PLANT'S CAPACITY WILL BRING OUTPUT TO 600 THOUSAND KILOWATTS.

2. ACCORDING TO PAPER TWO COMPANIES OF "THE ALSTHOM GROUP" WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK:

A. CGEE-ALSTHOM WILL BUILD SUB-STATION FOR POWER DISTRIBUTION AND PROVIDE SOME OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.

B. STEIN INDUSTRIES WILL FURNISH TWO GAS-FIRED BOILERS.

3. CEM WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERALL ENGINEERING,
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AS IT HAS BEEN FOR PHASES ONE AND TWO OF THIS PROJECT SINCE

TAKING OVER CONTRACT IN EARLY 1975. COMPANY WILL ALSO PROVIDE
PRINCIPAL POWER PLANT WHICH WILL HAVE TWO SETS OF TURBO-
ALTERNATORS OF 150,000 KILOWATTS EACH AND MAIN TRANSFORMERS.

4. COMMENT: PLANT WILL BE NATURAL GAS FUELED FROM NEARBY
ABU KIR FIELDS OF EGPC (GOE PETROLEUM ORGANIZATION).
FIRST PHASE GENERATORS SHOULD COME ON LINE ABOUT MID 1978 AND
DOUBLED CAPACITY TO BE AVAILABLE IN 1980. END UNCLASSIFIED.

5. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE NO
OPEN BIDDING FOR THIS CONTRACT WAS EVER ASKED, PROJECT BEING
ESSENTIALLY A "GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT" ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN
FRANCE AND EGYPT. WE UNDERSTAND WEST GERMAN FIRM HAD ORIGINAL
CONTRACT NOW TAKEN OVER BY CEM, BUT LOCAL CONTACTS UNABLE
PROVIDE NAME OR REASON FOR TERMINATION, LATTER DECISION
APPARENTLY HAVING BEEN TAKEN AT HIGH LEVEL OF GOE IN CAIRO.
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